

WASHINGTON.

THE FATHER OF THE MOVEMENT FOR EIGHT HOURS.

Something of His History—Hon. John W. Daniel's Successor in the House—Personal Notes.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The eight-hour work-day has not appeared near the close of the great struggle. No chapters of romance within the realm of the possible can exceed the thrilling adventures of this man's life during those stormy days. At the conclusion of peace he returned to Washington, and, taking up his old trade—that of carpenter—began agitating the movement which culminates all over the Union to-day among the laboring men for reduction of the hours of labor. He is a bright, intelligent man, whose opinion has been sought in public and private by Senators and Representatives seeking a solution of the vexed question. He was summoned to New York in 1883 to appear before Senator Blair's committee, and his testimony on the relations between capital and labor was able, if not convincing.

The question of a successor to the seat of Major Daniel in the House is beginning to be discussed. A gentleman from Halifax county informs me that there is a strong probability, from the present outlook, that every county in the Sixth district will present a name backed by a solid county delegation. Halifax county is booming State-Senator Paul C. Edmunds for the place. Lynchburg will present Mr. Diggs. Rottentown has united on Mr. Figgart, and Montgomery Mr. J. Hampton Hoge.

Messrs. W. E. Tanner, Isaac L. Tower, W. B. Isaacs, and Major Courtney were here for the purpose of representing the Masonic Grand Lodge of Virginia, examining the Masonic Temple with a view to selecting a plan for a building at Richmond. They left this evening for Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston on a tour of inspection.

Judge John A. Campbell, of Abingdon, who has been very ill at the Clarendon Hotel here, was taken to his home, in Virginia, yesterday. His condition is very little improved.

Governor Fitzhugh Lee was in the city to-day.

Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, who a year ago was to deliver the oration on the dedication of the Washington monument, is in the city. He was reported dying. To-day he is hale and hearty.

Mr. Randall's Appropriation Committee was in session at 9 o'clock this morning.

The Washington Post inspired a dramatic scene in the Senate to-day. In an item Sunday it stated that Senator Riddleberger, on receiving a verbal notice from Senator Vance to be present at a meeting of the District of Columbia Committee to-day to confirm the nomination of Matthews, the colored Recorder of Deeds, replied that he would not help make up a quorum for any such purpose. Senators Riddleberger and Ingalls denied the statement.

C. H. Allen, of Richmond, is here, and is said to be in good luck.

Senator Vance, of North Carolina, introduced two memorials from negroes of that State for means to emigrate to Liberia.

As predicted, the Senate Committee on Finance failed to secure a quorum to-day. The House bill on the subject has not yet been presented, and it is intimated that that committee is also at loggerheads on the subject.

Mr. Findlay, of Maryland, introduced a bill repealing the tax on sugar and otherwise upon manufactured tobacco of all kinds; also, a bill repealing section 3387 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. Skinner, of North Carolina, has introduced a bill for the construction of a light-house off Cape Hatteras.

Hon. George C. Cabell and C. T. O'Connell are out of the city.

Major Daniel has gone to Lynchburg. Mr. Wise, of Virginia, introduced a bill repealing certain sections of the Statutes requiring inspection of tobacco for exportation and providing that the cost thereof, if any, be borne by the Internal Revenue Department.

ALEX. CONGRESS.

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Senate.

Mr. Hear, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reported favorably a joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment extending the present presidential term till the 30th of April, instead of the 4th of March, 1889, and providing that the term of the Fifth Congress be also extended to that date. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. Dolph reported from the Committee on Public Lands the original bill to repeal all laws providing for the pre-emption of public land, the laws allowing entries for timber-land, and for other purposes. He said it was designed to be offered as a substitute for the bill on the same subject already reported from the committee, and he gave notice that he would at an early day ask the Senate to take up and consider it.

The post-office appropriation bill was taken up and debated by Senators Clark, Eastlake, Ingalls, Miller, and others.

The debate closed for the day, and arrangements for a vote at 4 and then at 5 o'clock to-day having been successfully made, it was agreed before adjournment that at 3 o'clock to-morrow a general debate on the bill should be had, leaving Mr. Plumb an hour to reply to the attacks on the amendment, and that at 4 o'clock a vote should be taken on the bill.

A 6 o'clock executive session of 15 minutes' duration was held, after which the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

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This organization, the supreme head of the order of Good Templars in the world, will assemble in this city on Tuesday, the 25th instant. This will bring together some of the most eminent temperance workers not only of this country but of many foreign jurisdictions, as the order is not confined to its operations to the United States, but its legions in almost every portion of the globe, all working under one head and using the same pass-words and other work of the order. The session, through the courtesy of Governor Lee, will be held in the Hall of the House of Delegates.

Among the delegates who will be present is Dr. Oronhyateka, of Canada, who is a full-blooded Indian and chief of a tribe. He was educated by the Prince of Wales, is a graduate of Oxford and Toronto University, a practicing physician of London, and a member of the Church of England. He is considered one of the ablest debaters on the floor of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

Delegates will also be present from England, Nova Scotia, South Africa, New York, New Jersey, and other foreign jurisdictions, as well as from every State in the Union.

Public temperance meetings have already been arranged for Thursday night, May 27th, under the auspices of the lodges in this city and Manchester as follows:

Sidney Lodge, No. 423—Speakers: George B. Christian, of Illinois; Colonel T. B. Demaree, of Kentucky, and Mrs. Sarah A. Leonard, of Massachusetts.

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Rescue, No. 532—Speakers: Hon. John B. Finch, Right Worthy Grand Templar of Illinois; Hon. W. Martin Jones, of New York; Mrs. A. A. Brookbank, of Indiana.

Star of Hope, No. 533, and Friendship, No. 534, of New York; Hon. J. H. G. Smith, of Virginia; Mrs. M. B. O'Donnell, of New York.

Public temperance meetings will also be held on Sunday, May 24th, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of Hon. W. F. Switzer, of Missouri; Rev. Dr. O. C. Wheeler, of California; Rev. Dr. C. W. Wright, of England; Carl Hurtig, of Scandinavia; J. G. Throver, of Georgia, and others.

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Should He Be in Court When Continuances Are Asked?

On the 23d of April the Court of Appeals awarded a rule against the jailer of Alexandria, who refused to show why a writ of habeas corpus should not issue upon the petition of James H. Ball, who is held for trial for murder. The rule was returned on yesterday, when Messrs. Stuart and Herbert, of Alexandria, appeared as counsel for the petitioner, and the Attorney-General for the jailer.

The Court, after hearing the arguments of counsel, appears to be favorable to the petitioner, and the case will be turned over to the jury on Thursday the 6th instant. The return of the jailer shows that the petitioner is held by him pursuant to the commitment of a justice of Alexandria county last September, and that petitioner has never been in court since his commitment.

The record shows that the case has been continued from time to time, but does not show for what cause or upon what motion the continuances were granted. The grounds relied upon by the petitioner are that four regular terms of the court at which he might have been tried have passed, and that he is entitled to be forever discharged from the prosecution under the statute.

The Attorney-General maintained that, whilst the record did not show that the continuances were granted upon motion of the petitioner, such was the fact, and offered affidavits to sustain this. The counsel for petitioner insisted that such evidence was inadmissible, and that, as the return showed he never had been brought into court, he could not have made the motion.

The Attorney-General insisted that the motions for continuance might lawfully be made by counsel in the absence of the prisoner. The case will be heard on Thursday.

Should the Court hold that the presence of the prisoner in court is necessary, it is asserted that it will have a material bearing upon the cases against William R. Smith in the Hustings Court of this city, which have been continued a number of times by his counsel without his presence in court.

Dr. Gwynne's Funeral.

Dr. W. H. Gwynne, whose death was briefly announced in the local columns of this paper Sunday morning, was born in the county of King William in 1819, and was graduated from the College of William and Mary. He entered the Presbyterian ministry, and was the University of Pennsylvania and graduated from it with distinction. He commenced to practice in Richmond in 1844. At the organization of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, in 1845, he was elected its recording secretary—an office that he filled to the time of his death. He was a member of the original Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and was its secretary for many years.

Dr. Gwynne was a man of great ability and high character. He was a devoted Christian, and his life was a model of piety and industry. He was a great benefactor to his race, and his death is a great loss to the community.

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